

# Standardized Assessment Workgroup

August 2019

## Agenda

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<b>230 - 245</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION, MEETING OBJECTIVES &amp; REVIEW</b>	<b>NICOLE</b>
	<b>Description:</b> Recap of the project's status, and review the role of the assessment workgroup, identify opportunities for gathering more stakeholder feedback.	Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Discuss <input type="checkbox"/>
		Decide <input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>245-345</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT AREAS</b>	<b>JENNIFER</b>
	<b>Description:</b> Review the elements and measures of two Needs Assessment tools: SIS and Current VT Assessment. Identify the required assessment areas that should inform any budgetary algorithm or person-centered planning process. Review four examples of supplemental questions.	Inform <input type="checkbox"/>
		Discuss <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Decide <input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>345 – 400</b>	<b>CLOSING &amp; NEXT STEPS</b>	<b>NICOLE</b>
	<b>Description:</b> Review today's action items. Review timeline. Identify next steps and who will complete.	

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In Scope		
Completed	In Progress	Upcoming
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decided to use a standardized assessment tool.</li> <li>• Developed criteria for selecting the best standardized assessment tool.</li> <li>• Developed criteria for selecting the best staff to complete the standardized assessment.</li> <li>• Posted the RFP.</li> <li>• Reviewed bidder.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negotiation of contract for a standardized assessment tool (no contract yet).</li> <li>• Identify all required assessment areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a plan for implementing the standardized assessment tool</li> <li>• Develop a process for securing and training assessors in use of the new tool</li> </ul>
Not in Scope		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consider</b> an algorithm for translating the services identified by the tool into a monetary amount.</li> <li>• <b>Design</b> the payment mechanism by which providers are paid for services.</li> <li>• <b>Explore</b> how provider agencies will report to the state.</li> <li>• <b>Decide</b> who will complete the assessments. (Decision on assessors will be determined by DAIL Leadership after completion of stakeholder input process and pending approval from CMS.</li> </ul>		

**Final Approver**

CMS

**Decision Maker**

DAIL Leadership Team

DAIL  
Representatives

Provider  
Representatives

Recipient  
Representatives

Bard Hill

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**Needs Assessment Advisory  
Team**

**Meeting  
Facilitator:**  
Nicole DiStasio,  
DVHA

## Needs Assessment Elements/Measures (modified from Sept 2018 document)

Elements/Measures:	Current Vermont assessment	Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)
Emotional well-being	2	2
Inclusion supports	0	3
Health (physical and emotional)	2	3
Sensory capabilities	0	0
Co-morbidities	0	2
Concurrent diagnosis	0	2
Cultural needs/language	0	1
Transportation needs	0	3
Natural supports	3	0
Clinical needs	3	3
Home Living ADLs	1	2
IADLs	1	2
Communication needs	2	2
Mobility	2	1
Sleeping	2	0
Legal considerations, e.g. Act 248	0	1
Behavior needs	3	3
Supervision (e.g., Monitoring or periodic support)	3	3
Community living	0	3
Economic factors	0	0
Vocational supports	2	3
<b>Total</b>	47	79

### Supplemental Assessment Areas:

Communication?  
 Sensory capabilities?  
 Natural supports?  
 Sleeping?  
 Economic factors  
 Employment?  
 Self-direction?  
 Housing?  
 Memory and cognition?

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Rating key (from fall 2018):

0 – does not meet criteria

1 – somewhat meets criteria

2 – mostly meets criteria

3 – completely meets the criteria



Up Next



# Open Comments

DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK